



By the King.

A Proclamation for a generall Fast to be Weekly
observed thorowout the Realme of England.



He heauie Iudgement of God in His present Visitation of the Cities of London, Westminster, and diuers other parts of the Kingdome at this time with the Pestilence, ought to moue vs to acknowledge the immediate hand of God therein, for the sinnes of this Land, so to afflict and correct His people: And His Maestie having taken into His Religious care, that in common Calamities the speciall meanes to remoue the Euill, is by serious humiliation to implore the grace and fauour of that Supreme offended Maestie, who hath smitten the Land, and can

onely heale it: Hath resolved, according to the example of pious Kings in former ages, and in like cases, to command Generall and Publike Fasts to be held through the whole Realme, in such manner as is herein directed. And to the end so Religious an Exercise may be performed with all Decencie and Uniformitie: His most Excellent Maestie hath, with the aduice of His Reuerend Bishops, resolved vpon a graue and Religious Foorme of Solemnizing thereof.

And this His Royall Pleasure he doth hereby Publish and Declare to all His loving Subjects, and doth straitely Charge and Command, that this Fast be Religiously and Solemnely observed and Celebrated weekly, from the time of the Publishing of this Proclamation, vpon euery Wednesday, thorowout the whole Kingdome, during the Continuance of the present Infection: with this limitation neuerthelessse, that in the Citie of London and Suburbs thereof, and in all other Cities, Townes, and places, where the Infection now is, or hereafter shall happen to be, and during the continuance of the Contagion in any of those places, the

And Fasts shall be no other wise Celebrated in publike in such severall Parish Churches, then by
Devout and Religious vse of the Prayers in the Printed Booke, now appointed to be set forth.
And that no Minister shall in London, or any other place infected, detain their assemblies any
longer time together to heare either Sermons or other Divine Service, because such detain-
ing of the people so long together, may proue dangerous to the further increas of the Sicknesse.
And further, that all other Duties of Prayer and Humiliation requisite, to the keeping of such
Fast, be observed by every person in their private Families, at home: But in all Cities, Towns,
and other places not infected, His Maiestie requireth that the said Fast be publicly solemnized,
not onely by reading the said Booke, but by the vse of Sermons or Homilies, also as upon like
Occasions hath beene commanded and observed; the same Sermons not exceeding the space of
an houre. And for the more orderly solemnizing thereof, without confusion, His Maiestie, by
the aduice of His Reuerend Bishops, hath directed that the Booke of Prayers formerly set
forth by Authority, shall be reprinted and published, which, with the publike Exhortation there-
in, His Maiestie thinketh fit, and commands to be vsed in all Churches and places at these pub-
like meetings: And he hath given charge to His Bishops to disperse the same thorowout this
whole Kingdome, so farre as in these sickly times they may be able. All which His Maiestie
doth expressly charge and command, shall be Reuerently and Devoutly performed by all His lo-
ving Subiects, as they tender the fauour of Almighty God, and would auoid His iust indig-
nation against this Land; and vpon paine of such punishments as His Maiestie can iustly in-
flict vpon all such as shall contemne or neglect so Religious a worke.

Given at the Court at *New-Market* the eighteenth day of October, in the twelfth
yeere of Our Reigno.

✠ God saue the King. ✠



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to the Kings most Excellent Maiestie: And by the
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